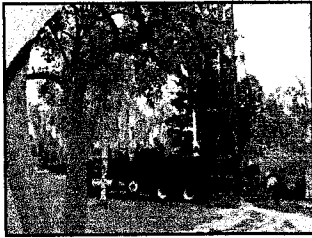




Flowing Well

Vote NO On HB 262



Abundant Groundwater



1. Montana has an **abundance** of ground water that can and has supplied its citizens with **clean**, safe ,water. The valleys affected by HB 262 have **less** water consumption now than 40 – 50 years ago. Just the shutting down of irrigation wells and replacing with non-consumptive domestic wells has **increased** the available drinking water supply.

2.This bill is based on the **false assumption** that our ground water is depleted and of low quality. This assumption is **not supported** by any truthful or **scientific** information. In fact the opposite is true. Scientific information shows that we have a **large abundance** of untapped ground water.

3.This bill only allows **permitted** wells. At present the DNRC does not accept permit applications – so the actual effect of HB 262 would be **no** wells, **no** development, **no** economic growth in Montana or **years** of waiting and **high cost** if permitting is allowed in the future.

4.Montanans **want** development and a **good** economy. We **need** underground water. **Domestic wells** provide a far cleaner and less consumptive supply than pumping from rivers. (Municipalities use)

